COLONIAL NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

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Newsletter of the Colonial Nature Photography Club

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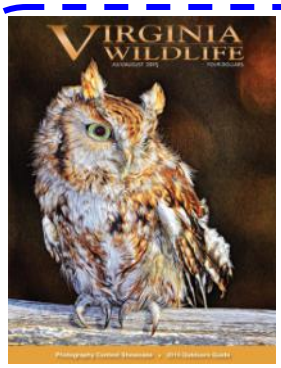

CNPC Rocks the Va Wildlife Photo Contest!

Once again, the Colonial Nature Photography Club dominated the **2015 Virginia Wildlife Photo Contest**. This year the club had five photographers with winning pictures. We received first place in three of the six categories and had a total of FOURTEEN winning pictures in the magazine. Four of the five photographers had more than one winning picture. Congrats to all the winners. You can check them out on the next page! **Way to go CNPC!!**

President's Message:

It is awesome to see our club honored in so many ways lately! Our members have had great success lately with photo contests, magazines, and new publications. It is so cool to see this happen within our group. Congrats again to all the members that have had successes and thanks to the CNPC group for the support.

Barbara Houston—President

Next meeting is Monday, August 3rd at 6:30 PM at the JCC Library.

The August meeting will have Jerry Gammon presenting 'Intro to HDR.'

Reminder:
Club Dues were due on January 1st.

If you haven't paid for 2015, please bring $10 to next meeting or mail to:

CNPC
PO Box 6971
Williamsburg, VA 23188

When shooting outdoors, try to make sure you keep the sun behind you. This will help with shadows and allow better light on your subject.

'Blue Skies' — Ken Conger

Virginia Wildlife Winners:

Birds of a Feather:

1st—Barbara Houston

2nd—Bob Schamerhorn

3rd—Jose Hernandez

HM—Rob Sabatini

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Bugs:

3rd—Bob Schamerhorn

1st—Rob Sabatini

2nd—Jose Hernandez

Furry Critters:

HM—Rob Sabatini

Landscapes:

HM—Chris Tennant

HM—Barbara Houston

Digital Effects:

1st—Bob Schamerhorn

HM—Jose Hernandez

August Meeting Photo Theme is:

Beaches

Get your images to Craig by 5pm on Sunday, August 2nd to be included in the meeting presentation.

Images sized at 4X6 inches and 200 PPI resolution are perfect.

Send images to gsetm@cox.net.

Welcome New Members:

Martha Baker
Rebecca Jansen
Linda Carter
Jeff Olsen

Bring a friend to the next meeting!

July Meeting Photos

The theme was 'Insects'. A few of the submitted pictures:

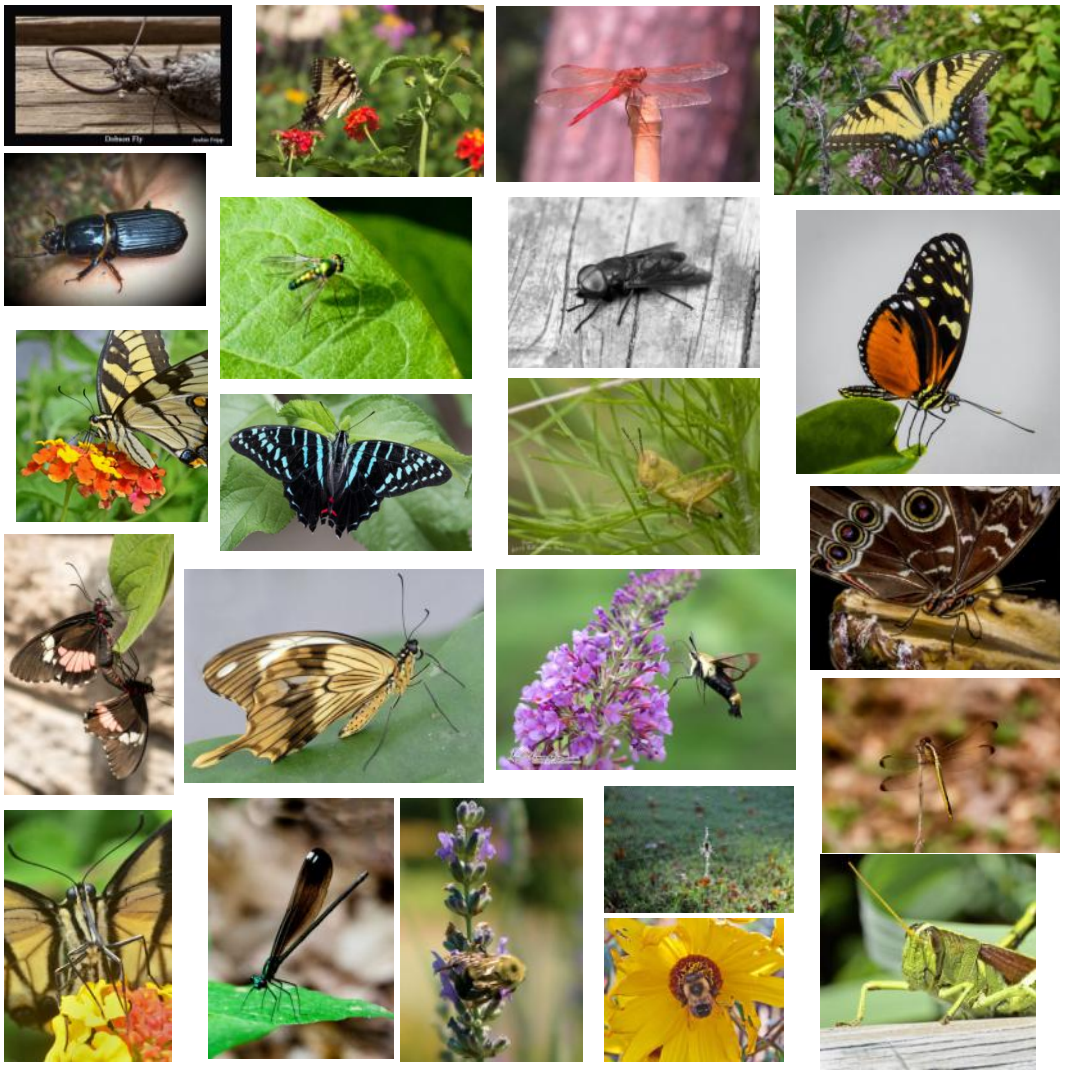

Photo Assignment for August:

For the August meeting, we will try something new!

The 7-Day Challenge

Day 1 - Sun	Day 5 - Red
Day 2 - Flowers	Day 6 - Water
Day 3 - Shadows	Day 7 - Tree
Day 4 - Sky/Clouds	

Your task is to take a picture each day for seven days in a row. The categories are provided below. This will take some work on your part to coordinate getting a picture each day in the category for that day. If this works out, we may expand it to 10 days or maybe more.
Be creative, have fun!

Photography is a way of feeling, of touching, of loving. What you have caught on film is captured forever... it remembers little things, long after you have forgotten everything ~ Aaron Siskind

"Your first 10,000 photographs are your worst." — Henri Cartier-Bresson

G.R.A.P.E.

Group Rendezvous And Photo Expedition

The July **GRAPE-1** will be to shoot the fireworks at Busch Gardens on Sunday, July 19th. If you plan on attending, please let Craig Hill (gsetm@cox.net) know and plan on meeting behind the Wendy's on Route 60 at 8:30pm. The group will leave promptly at 8:40 for BG. This trip does not require park admission or parking.

The July **GRAPE-2** will be at the Williamsburg Botanical Gardens on Monday, July 20th from 5-8pm and will be led by Judy Jones.

From Judy Jones—Come whenever your schedule allows and wander through Williamsburg's small but mighty botanical garden at Freedom Park. It's 5535 Centerville Road and is truly a small diamond in the rough. The botanical garden has a therapy garden, a butterfly garden, a native plant garden, and just plain beautiful flowers everywhere you look. The mountain mint was covered in thousands of pollinators today and eastern tail, spicebush, and zebra swallowtails filled the air. It's a nature photographer's paradise of both the small and large...so bring that macro as well as your regular lens. The light changes mightily between five and eight, so earlier is better in my book. When you arrive, drive in the long entranceway, around the botanical garden circle, and to the right to the interpretive center. Park there and follow the well-marked path back to the garden. It's hot but sweet there and you'll be glad you came. See you Monday, July 20th, at 5:00!

Did you know?

- Virginia.Org has a travel blog that they update frequently with tons of great information on places to go and things to do local. Check it out on the website Virginia.Org Blog

- **CreativeLive** is offering free Outdoor Photographer classes for the month of July. Visit the CreativeLive link to view what is available.

- **Free EBooks** are available all over the internet. This one is entitled "Secrets of Digital Bird Photography Tools and techniques". This e-book has 16 different chapters and tons of great information. Plan on spending loads of time reading it.

We Need You!! - CNPC received this request earlier this week:

It is with great excitement that, to celebrate their 10th anniversaries, Williamsburg Botanical Garden and Virginia Master Naturalists Historic Rivers Chapter offer to our community a Butterfly Festival at the Williamsburg Botanical Gardens at Freedom Park on August 1 and 2. This festival has several parts, but the main and most exciting focus will be a butterfly tent with over 200 butterflies enjoying those hot August days. We also hope there will also be tables set up with information on local groups. Some picnic tables will have independent activities for children as well as a costumed butterfly volunteer wandering around looking cute. We will also offer educational programs for families, children, and adults throughout the two days.

We were thinking that this might be a good, casual venue for your organization to set up a table and put out some flyers or share information about your group. We are inviting Colonial Nature Photography Club, the John Clayton Native Plant Society, the Williamsburg Bird Club, our local Master Gardeners, and, of course, both Williamsburg Botanical Garden and Virginia Master Naturalists to set up tables.

If this appeals to your group, please let us know. You'll need to provide your own table, chairs, and sunscreen, but the heat, the sun, and the butterflies will be here just waiting for a chance to make you smile.

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF THIS WORKS FOR YOU AND THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR HELPING US MAKE THIS DAY A SUCCESS FOR OUR COMMUNITY….

It would be awesome to have some members of CNPC to help out to promote the group. If you are available for any period of time on August 1st or 2nd, please contact Barbara to sign up. If we can get enough people to help out, we will set up a table for the festival.

Tips and Techniques: Organization

Remember that trip you took last August to the mountains and you got the coolest picture of a bear on the side of the road? Do you know where that picture is? Could you find it easily in your picture storage? Whether you use Lightroom(LR) or Photoshop(PS) or something else, organizing your pictures is vital in your work-flow process. You need to come up with what works for you and put it to use. With the LR keywords and cataloging, finding pictures is easier, but only if you use the keywords and cataloging. There are a gazillion ways to store and organize your pictures. The following is an example of one process:

- Have two different sources of storage. Whether it be a hard drive and an external drive, two external drives, a hard drive and a DVD, a hard drive and an online storage system. Having it in two places will ensure that when your hard drive crashes (and it will) that you have your pictures preserved in another place.
- Determine how YOU want to organize your pictures. When you download the pictures from your camera, do you want things to be saved by date, subject, camera, or another criteria you choose.
  - Create a file folder and name it something that will mean something to you later. 201408 Mountains as an example for your August Mountain trip. Using the date as the first part of the folder name will also order the folders to make it easier on you to find things later as well.
  - Download all the pictures from your camera to this folder.
- Keep only the good pictures. Go through your photos and rate them using your photo software. Some software use numbers 1-5, some use letters, some use colors, whichever, pick one and use it. Rate your pictures as three categories to start: Trash-picture stands no chance of being saved, Possibles-with a little help the picture could be usable, Definites-a good picture that you know will work.
- IMPORTANT STEP #4—Delete the TRASH! If it isn't usable, delete it! Even with storage being cheap nowadays, why keep bad stuff. It just clutters your folders and gives you more to look at later.
- So now, you should have only the usable pictures in the folder. Before you do anything else, copy this entire folder to your secondary storage source. The will ensure that you have a backup before you begin your processing.
- Now you are ready to start your post processing. You can edit your pictures, add keywords, catalog, or whatever you like and know that you have the pictures saved and available somewhere if needed.

"The best camera is the one in your hands!"

"What I like about photographs is that they capture a moment that's gone forever, impossible to reproduce."
— Karl Lagerfeld

On Location:

A spotlight on a local area you may not have visited.

Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens

In addition to the Butterflies LIVE! Exhibit, there are many great things to see and photograph at the gardens. Ginter has over 50 acres of gardens that are open year round. It also includes a conservatory, shopping, classes, programs, and dining on the garden grounds. The gardens are open daily from 9am to 5pm and has a special Flowers After 5 from 5pm-9pm on Thursday nights from June through August. Visit LewisGinter.org website for more details.

Novice Notes:

Adding name and copyright info in camera.

You can add your name and a copyright into the exif (exchangeable image file format) info on your camera so that this information is imbedded into each one of your pictures. You will need to go through your setup menus and set it up once and then it will be on every picture. For most brands, you will have two options you can add or change in camera:

Author's Name - Record your full name here
Copyright Info - Record the copyright info here (usually your name and the year)

For Canon users—You can use the EOS Utility though your computer to do it or find it through your camera menu. Your options are as follows:

On Camera - Make sure you are in one of the creative mode zones (P, Tv, Av, or M). Cycle through the menu to the 3rd or 4th menu screen and locate 'Copyright Information'. Follow the prompts to enter the name and info you desire in the camera. Make sure to hit OK to save.

EOS Utility - Connect your camera to the computer and select 'Camera Settings'. The first camera control window that opens has a series of tabs in the middle of the window. Click on the third button from the left with the tools icon. Click on the owners name field and enter info here.

For Nikon Users—The process for Nikon can be quite different between camera models. This is an example of one model: Go to the camera setup menu. Select Copyright Information and press SET or OK. Scroll down to the artist setting, press SET or OK and enter your name. Press OK to save. Scroll down to the copyright setting and enter your name. Press OK to save. Use your camera manual or Google it if this does not work for your model.

For other cameras —Go to Google and enter 'Add exif data in camera xxxxx' and put the brand/model of your camera in place of the xxxxx. This should get you to somewhere that will help you to get it set up. You can also look up in your user's manual, search on 'adding copyright info' to find the steps necessary.

Once you have entered the info in the camera, it should appear embedded on each picture you take. You can view this info from within most any photo software. Not only does this embed your info into each picture, it will also be in your camera should it become lost or stolen.

The Limelight

NATURAL
INSPIRATION
Tired of taking the same old shots? Let these tips from pro Chris Tennant inspire you to shake up your nature photography this summer.
Photos by Chris Tennant, text by Jack Crager
GET IN CLOSE

Chris Tennant Published in Popular Photography!

Chris had several pictures used in a recent article in the national magazine on ways to inspire your nature photography.

Ken Conger publishes first book!

Founding member Ken Conger had his first ever book, "Wildlife's Greatest Connection: A Mother and Her Young" released on July 3rd. You can get a copy by visiting Ken's website: wildlifesgreatestconnection.blogspot.com

Barbara Houston Wins Two! President Barbara Houston won first place in two categories of the 2015 Scenic Virginia 'Virginia Vistas' photo contest. Her Harrison Lake storm clouds was the winner in the Route 5 Corridor category, and her 'Foggy Marsh' was the pick for the Coastal & Chesapeake Bay category.

Upcoming Classes, Events, Shows & Contests

July:

Bower Center Annual National Juried Exhibition—Bedford Jul 21 - Aug 29th See Bower for details
Pork, Pine, and Peanut Festival– Chippokes Plantation Jul 18-19th See Website for details
Hungry Mother Arts & Crafts Festival– Marion VA Jul 17-19th See Website for details
Hampton Arts.net– Charles H Taylor Arts Center-Jul 22 & 29th Digital Camera 101 See Website for details
VA Museum of Contemporary Art- Multiple classes available—See Website for details
Night Skies in Shenandoah National Park—At mile 51 on Skyline Drive. See website for details.
Annual Chincoteague Island Pony Swim and Auction– July 29-31– See website for details.

Aug:

Arts in Nature Photo Festival—Ward Museum in Salisbury, MD. Show runs Aug 7-9th and includes classes, displays, and a photo contest. Details at: Website
Early Pioneers Settlers Weekend—Breaks Interstate park Breaks, VA—Aug 7-9th—See Website for details
Hampton Arts.net– Charles Taylor Arts Center-Aug 5 & 12th Intermediate Photography See Website for details
Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay photo contest—Contest pays cash prizes; ends August 15th. See website for details.
Harbor for the Arts Festival—Cape Charles– Aug 7-15th—See Website for details..
Hollywood Cemetery Walking Tour– Aug 9th, 2-4pm—See website for details.

Sept:

Smithfield Fall Festival of Arts - Sept 19, 2015 See Smithfield Fall Festival for details
Shenandoah Valley Apple Harvest Festival - Sept 9-10 Frederick Cnty Fairgrounds-See website for details
Art on the Lawn - Sept 19th-Giles County Courthouse-See website for details
Neptune Festival Boardwalk Weekend - Sept 25-27th-Va Beach Oceanfront-See website for details
Heritage Days Fall Festival - Sept 26-27th-Town of New Market-See website for details
Occoquan Fall Arts and Crafts Festival - Sept 26-27th-Historic Occoquan-See website for details

Oct:

Wilderness Road Heritage Festival - Oct. 10th, 2015 See Va is for Lovers for details

FOR SALE

Have an item that you want to sell or trade? Advertise it here. Send information to Barbara by the 15th of each month.

For Sale: Canon EF 100-400mm F4.5-5.6L IS USM Lens and LZ1324 lens case—Asking $690.
Canon lens EF 75-300mm II f4.0-5.6 (like new…includes original box, front & rear caps & hood) $75.00
Tamron lens 18-270mm f3.5-6.3 Di II (fits Canon EF or EF-S mount) (exc condition…w/ front & rear caps, hood and 72mm UV filter) $280 Contact Harry Doyle for more details. hndjr@aol.com 804-725-7032

For Sale: Canon 7D Camera body—$550 includes battery, charger, and Manual with CD.
Contact Inge Curtis at ingecurtis@aol.com 804-829-5441

For Sale: Nikon D7100 - Like New condition, very low shutter count, with L bracket - $725
Nikon 70-200 f/2.8 version 1 - Excellent condition with RRS mounting plate - $1,350
Canon Pixma Pro 10 - New (in box -never used) w/50 sheet box of Canon 13x19 luster paper - $375
Contact John Walrath Email - jpwalrath@yahoo.com Cell - 757.784.1463

For Sale: Canon FD 800mm f-5.6 (manual focus) L Series Lens with EOS adapters and case = $1000.00 OBO
Includes: EOS Adapter (no glass); EOS Adapter with infinity focus (with glass); Original Hard Case and Quick Release Plate (for Wimberley). This lens is in good shape and works well. Some chromatic reverberation in high contrast images. All original except for replaced focus knob. Used primarily for perched birds.
Contact Bob Schamerhorn 804-477-3433 bob@iphotobirds.com

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The Colonial Nature Photography Club is a Williamsburg based nature photo group founded by Ken Conger in 2007. The group meets monthly in the James City County library to share pictures, presentations, knowledge, and friendship. All levels of photographer are welcome.

We're on the Web!
Www.cnpcva.org

Meeting Schedule 2015

- The group meets the first Monday of every month at the Williamsburg– James City County Library in Croaker.
- Meetings start at 6:30 PM and usually run 1.5 to 2 hours.
- The meeting theme is listed for each month.
- Please have one to three pictures submitted by the Sunday prior to each meeting.
- Send pictures to Craig at gsetm@cox.net.
  Please make sure images are sized at 4X6 inches and 200 PPI

Month	Day	Meeting Theme
January	5	Holiday
February	2	Winter
March	2	Black & White
April	6	Spring
May	4	Weather
June	1	Flowers/Fiolage
July	6	Insects
August	3	Beaches
September	14	Wildlife
October	5	Trees
November	2	Travel
December	7	Highlights

Wanted: Ideas and Suggestions for photo themes for 2016

It seems we are using the same themes each year. Looking for some new ideas. Send your suggestions to Barbara and we will decide at the November meeting.

Have an idea for the Newsletter?

Send your notes, comments, upcoming events, suggestions, or ideas to Barbara Houston. All feedback is appreciated!

Colonial Nature Photography Club